



# EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT IN THE EMERGING SCENARIO

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## ABSTRACT

Education is the most important global process for social change and development. Effective and constructive planning is required for attaining the brilliant goals of education. Without proper and systematic scientific planning we can never achieve the best fruits of education. Educational planning is really a process of collective effort for designing and implementation. The relevance of this topic is very high in the emerging modern educational scenario. It is really an attempt to exploit the different possibilities of planning as a brilliant mechanism for quality education.

**KEY WORDS:** Educational Planning, Inclusive Education, Knowledge Construction.

## INTRODUCTION

Planning is the most purposeful activity for implementing a programme. Effective planning paves the way for effective and fruitful implementation. As the greatest process of human resource development, education can play a key role in the entire developmental activities of a state. Progressive and systematic planning can make education to a wide range of perspectives with quality aspects. Education is one of the most important knowledge construction and acquisition activities of human life. To make the curriculum more effective, and to make the learning strategies more competent, we have to think about the process of planning as a prominent one. Olaniyonu, Adekoya and Gbenu (2004) citing Coombs (1970) see educational planning as "the application of rational systematic analysis to the process of educational development with the aim of making education more effective and efficient in responding to the needs of the students and the society". Educational planning according to Longe (2003) "involves taking of decisions for future action with the view to achieving predetermined objectives through optimum use of scarce resources".

## IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

Planning is the realisation of a vision document for success. It is essential for smooth and fruitful implementation. For systematic and scientific implementation of educational programmes, more purposeful and dedicated planning is required. When we think about planning as a modern concept, we have to consider it as innovative designing to attain the targeted goals. When we think about higher education, it is the super stage of creative education. Any crisis in higher education will make big problems in academic achievement and development. So we have to provide great coverage and prominence in this field.

- Educational planning is essential for national development
- Educational planning is essential for innovation
- Educational planning is required for designing of effective curriculum and teaching learning strategies.
- Educational planning is important for addressing recent developments in pedagogical science.
- Educational planning is important in addressing the sociological and philosophical foundation of education.
- Educational planning is important in dealing with psychological developments in education.
- Educational planning should focus the concept of cultural integration.
- Educational planning should address the heterogeneous groups of learners.
- Educational planning should consider the scholastic and non-scholastic levels of learning.
- Educational planning will consider the contemporary social issues and realities.
- Educational planning will focus the concept of inclusive education.

## SCOPE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Educational planning is essential for introducing effective changes in entire educational process. It is essential to make better changes in the field of quality education. Global concept of education can be fulfilled only through purposeful planning. To make the curriculum more valuable we have to enrich the process of planning with better innovations. Progressive education is always focusing on research activities. To find something new we are in need of innovative approach in entire educational activities. So we should address this point of view in our educational planning. Right to education is the most important educational slogan of modern period. Education for all means the relevance of inclusive education. So the educational planning should focus the importance of inclusive education. Education for women is essential social development. Providing quality education to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes another important task. For this we can use the process of educational planning as a best way. Development of life skills is essential for human resource development. Developing a global vision is an important thing in the process of making a progressive global society. Educational planning can play key roles in this area.

## COMPONENTS OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

- ❖ Availability of resources
- ❖ Economic condition of the state
- ❖ Challenges of modern period
- ❖ Advanced technology and its effective use
- ❖ Scientific assessment of earlier educational activities
- ❖ Assessment of infrastructure needs
- ❖ Revision of criteria for the selection of teachers
- ❖ Introduction of effective management skills in education
- ❖ Introduction of effective student assessment practices
- ❖ Strengthening of inclusive classrooms
- ❖ Strengthening of social ownership of educational institution
- ❖ Developing the culture of using community resources
- ❖ Provision for more coverage to environmental education
- ❖ Inclusion of remedial programmes for slow learners
- ❖ Strengthening the concept of open ended curriculum
- ❖ Provision for providing scholarships to eligible students
- ❖ Making of higher educational centres as centre of excellence

Educational planning and management can make the classroom to a dream level of super perfection. As education as a process of great social change, the planning and management should highlight that great aim in a better way. Otherwise the entire educational activities become wastage of public wealth.

**CONCLUSION**

We have to make an effective plan with great management skills to make our classrooms as centre of excellence. We are living in era of wide range of discussions of quality education and the concept of classrooms as international level. No one left behind is the global slogan of modern education. Such a great aim can be achieved only through collaborative and collective effort of realisation of a master plan for education.

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